

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2001

Meeting Convened	8:45am
Adjourned	9:02am
Rules Hearing convened	9:03am
Rules Hearing adjourned	9:43am
Meeting re-convened	9:43am
Adjourned	11:25am

Present	Kent Whipple, Dan Smith and Steve Speirs
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Staff	Karen Elkins-Bey, Craig Cottle, Wayne Holman, Laura Poe, Ray Walker and Gary Bowen
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Exterior	Steve Hicken
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Visitor(s)	Tom Lewis, Larry Facer, and Chris Solberg
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TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION, DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Board Business

Board minutes approved and signed and travel voucher signed.

Gary Bowen, Division Director, shared his concerns with board members on the rules hearing. He expressed how the on-site supervision issue came about with various legislators. Tom Lewis expressed his feelings about the supervision and ratio issues. He stated the people in the plumbing industry don't like the "handyman" clause and the industry feels the license fees are an "occupational tax".

Alfred Bennett file

Mr. Bennett has not provided the proper documentation of on-the-job work experience or any apprenticeship schooling. After discussion his application was denied. He is welcome to meet with the board at their next meeting if he desires.

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APPOINTMENTS

Steve Hicken, Experior

Mr. Hicken told Board Members that test development in Florida is still developing a computer exam for Utah to begin using in April. He brought in content outline for the exams.

Tony Butler

Mr. Butler has provided an application documenting 5 years, 13,000 hours and only one year of school. After review of the information, this application was denied. He must provide an official school transcript and denial letter must reflect only 2,000 work hours per year are acceptable.

Larry Facer

Mr. Facer questioned who certifies medical gases. Craig Cottle told him the state fire marshal's office certifies any and all persons piping gases.

Scott Pederson

Mr. Pederson is employed by Utah Valley State College as an assistant water master. He would like to obtain licensure as a plumber. He was told that his employment for a government entity does not require licensure and most of his work is in irrigation and that area does not require a plumbing license. Kent Whipple told him he must obtain the on-the-job work experience in the areas and for the amount of hours as required in the rules and that he should apply for an apprentice position in the plumbing department at UVSC.

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Stacy Runsted

Mr. Runsted brought in an application for journeyman along with his journeyman examination verification from New Mexico. Experior administers the exam, but the New Mexico policy is not to release actual exam scores. Board told him he must obtain work verification documentation and he could take the February examination, however, it was suggested he contact Salt Lake Community College and take a quarter of schooling on the International Plumbing Code.

All Business Concluded, meeting adjourned.

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2001

Meeting convened at	8:45am
Meeting adjourned at	12:20 pm
Present	Carl Pond, Dan Smith, Steve Speirs and Kent Whipple.
Staff	Wayne Holman, Karen Elkins-Bey, Craig Cottle and Gary Bowen.
Exterior	Steve Hicken, John Andrus

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Board Business

Apprentice supervision

DISCUSSION, DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Board members signed travel vouchers. Motion made by Carl Pond, 2nd by Steve Speirs, to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously. Kent Whipple suggested that the board and division add a page to the application pertaining to how many hours in each area of the plumbing trade is needed for journeyman and residential journeyman.

Gary Bowen told Board members what progress is being made in implementing the "immediate supervision of apprentices" rule language. Gary Bowen informed board members that the current language should be sunsetted and that he is working on new language. Gary Bowen asked Board members what the term "approved" means when used in the rules. Board members weren't sure, it's been in the rules forever. Gary read Board members a version of the rules he wrote, board members and staff discussed them and made slight revisions. Wayne Holman, Investigator with DOPL, told all present about a company he investigated where it was questionable whether or not the journeyman had been on the job and checked the work. Wayne stated it makes it difficult to track.

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Board members and division staff discussed this issue at length. Gary recommended we strike R156-55c-102(3), change to R156-55c-102(4) change to (3). Strike R156-55c-602(1) strike (a) and (b), R156-55c-602(1)(c) change to (1) and amend. Motion made by Carl Pond to accept as written with revisions as discussed. Motion 2nd by Steve Speirs, all in favor motion passed unanimously.

Experior

Steve Hicken and John Andrus told Board members that the computerized written examination is on track for the April 2001 exam. Steve Hicken also told board members that the theory and code should be separated into two parts instead of the current 30 questions closed book and 70 questions open book written, or have the written all open book and still have one score. At this time the written exam is scored together. Board members and board discussed how difficult or simple this will be for applicants. Steve Speirs motioned to allow Experior to change the written exam to 100 questions all open book with the approved materials as per the candidate information bulletin. Motion 2nd by Carl Pond, motion passed unanimously. Steve Hicken suggested the Board members review the examination content prior to March 1st. Board will meet with Experior the week of February 26th to review examination contents. Dan Smith will recuse himself as he's an instructor for the Utah Pipe Trades Apprenticeship. It was suggested to invite plumbing inspectors included. Ed Short of DOPL, Marv Graham plus Carl Pond, Steve Speirs and Kent Whipple would be reviewing the exam.

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John Andrus of Experior brought up exam fees. He stated that the exam costs a lot especially the practical with the price of copper and other materials. He suggested the fee be raised to \$125.00 for written and practical, retake written only \$80.00 and retake practical only \$100.00. Board told Experior they must review costs with the division and the division makes that decision.

APPOINTMENT(S)

Steve Fitch

Mr. Fitch began his apprenticeship in May of 1997 with a company that didn't submit his apprentice application until November of 1997. He has his hours and schooling completed and would like to take the June 2001 examination instead of waiting until December. Steve Speirs told Mr. Fitch and Tony Marlin of Marlin Mechanical, his current employer the board has not given credit for illegal work in the past. Motion made by Steve Speirs to approve Mr. Fitch to take the August 2001 exam, after much discussion this motion was withdrawn. Kent Whipple told Mr. Fitch he also had to wait nine months before he could test out for journeyman with the same type of situation but, with his good grades he would have no problem when he takes the exam. Mr. Whipple indicated that the statute and rules must be adhered to by the board. Motion made by Kent Whipple to allow Mr. Fitch to take computerized written journeyman exam anytime after November 25, 2001. He may take the practical exam on December 1, 2001 and will not be eligible for licensure until January 2002. Motion 2nd by Steve Speirs and unanimously passed. Mr. Fitch was told he could take the residential journeyman examination in April 2001. He will mail in the application.

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John Goodbeau

Mr. Goodbeau has been licensed as an apprentice since 1998 but because of financial difficulties he has not been able to enroll in school. He would like to have approval to take a competency exam for placement in school. Carl Pond made motion to allow Mr. Goodbeau to take 1st year competency exam upon passing the exam to start in 2nd year school, on failure starts in 1st year, 2nd by Steve Speirs, motion unanimously passed.

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 2001

Meeting convened at	8:30 am
Adjourned at	1:00 pm
Present	Dan Smith and Steve Speirs
Absent	Kent Whipple and Carl Pond
DOPL Staff	Laura Poe, Craig Cottle and Karen Elkins-Bey
<u>TOPIC OF DISCUSSION</u>	<u>DISCUSSION, DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
BOARD BUSINESS	Board members signed travel vouchers and reviewed exam applications. Steve Speirs motioned, 2 nd by Dan Smith to approve the minutes, motion passed unanimously.
APPRENTICESHIP HOURS	Limited discussion of apprenticeship hours and work percentages as listed in the application and on the application. Discussion is tabled until the April board meeting.
<u>APPOINTMENTS</u>	<u>DISCUSSION, DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
SHAD ROUNDY	Mr. Roundy was denied to sit for the journeyman examination for lack of apprenticeship schooling. He has been a residential journeyman for approximately 7-8 years. Board members discussed the situation. Motion made by Dan Smith that the board stick to the precedent that applicants must complete the 4 th year school and work to take the journeyman examination. Motion 2 nd by Steve Speirs and passed unanimously approved. This motion was recinded. Motion made by Steve Speirs, 2 nd by Dan Smith and unanimously passed to have Mr. Roundy take the 4 th year CLEP exam, upon passing he may be approved to take the journeyman exam.

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APPOINTMENTS CONT.

KEITH WITT

Mr. Witt is requesting permission to sit for the residential journeyman examination. Motion made by Dan Smith, 2nd by Steve Speirs and unanimously approved for Mr. Witt to take the residential journeyman.

BRIAN DODGE

Mr. Dodge took the 1st & 2nd year CLEP exam and would like credit for this time. Board approved him for 2 years school and work credit.

SERGEI EVASCHUK

Mr. Evaschuk is not licensed in Utah, he was a contractor in the State of California. He moved to Utah and would like to perform work as a plumber. California does not license individual plumbers, only the contractors. Steve Speirs motioned, Dan Smith 2nd and unanimously approved to allow Mr. Evaschuk to take the April journeyman exam upon receipt of a completed application.

All business concluded, meeting adjourned.

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2001

Meeting convened at
Meeting Adjourned at

8:30 AM
11:06 AM

Present

Dan Smith, Kent Whipple, Carl Pond and
Steve Speirs

DOPL Staff

Craig Jackson, Craig Cottle and Karen
Elkins-Bey

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION, DECISION & RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD BUSINESS

Board members signed travel voucher. Carl Pond motioned, Steve Speirs 2nd, unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

Board members reviewed journeyman and residential journeyman applications (list attached).

OJT REQUIRED HOURS

Steve Speirs motioned to take out "G" in Table I, increase hours in "A" to 200, increase "B" to 2,250 hours, decrease "T" to 50 hours, leave residential hours as written, change "employer verification form" in application to reflect these changes. Carl Pond 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS

DISCUSSION, DECISION & RECOMMENDATION

David Rundquist

Mr. Rundquist was asked to come before the Board to verify his undocumented work verification. Mr. Rundquist told Board Members that some of the former employers were out of business and he could not obtain letters since he couldn't locate the company representatives. Board Members asked Mr. Rundquist about his prior work experience out of state. Board approved Mr. Rundquist for the June 2001 journeyman examination.

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Todd C. Holbrook

Mr. Holbrook was a licensed journeyman, but let his license lapse 7 years ago. Upon receipt of a citation by the DOPL investigations he realized his license was expired in 1994. Mr. Holbrook's contractors license is current and up to date. Carl Pond motioned, Kent Whipple 2nd, Board unanimously approved Mr. Holbrook for reinstatement of licensure by paying the \$100.00 application filing fee and the \$50.00 reinstatement fee for a total of \$150.00.

Jason Haun

Mr. Haun has worked for Bud Rich Plumbing and thought he had an apprentice license. Upon checking with the Division regarding application for journeyman exam, he found out DOPL had no record of an apprentice license for him. Board members reviewed his transcripts, which show some non-passing grades and reviewed the letter from the employer but still no documentation of apprentice license. After much discussion Board told Mr. Haun to review his transcripts with Salt Lake Community College and get his grades up to date. Also, he must apply as an apprentice today, then work on finding his proof of previous license.

All Business Concluded, meeting adjourned.

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR MAY 11, 2001

Meeting convened	9:00 am
Adjourned	11:10 am
Present:	Kent Whipple, Dan Smith, Steve Speirs and Carl Pond.
DOPL Staff	Karen Elkins-Bey, Yvonne King, Craig Cottle and Craig Jackson, DOPL Director
Visitor	Steve Hicken, Experior

BUSINESS

STEVE HICKEN, EXPERIOR

DISCUSSION/DECISION

Craig Jackson inquired "How many states continue to have a practical exam?" Steve Hicken stated Experior doesn't like to give practical exam, but Board Members stated Idaho, Montana, New Mexico and Colorado still give a hands-on practical. Dan Smith showed an example of a copper project that will leak water and was not put together properly. After much discussion, Board members told Steve Hicken they still want a practical and would be willing to have test developers come to a practical exam to see that it's a controlled environment and not arbitrary.

MINUTES

Dan Smith motioned, 2nd by Kent Whipple and unanimous to approve the April 13, 2001 minutes. Travel voucher signed.

Board reviewed applications for the exam.

Send a letter to schools requesting the school inform students they must submit a completed transcript, not just a letter of passing grade and currently enrolled. Motion made by Carl Pond, 2nd by Dan Smith to send a letter in KEB's wording (letter will be sent to board members prior to mailing to schools

June Board minutes on Yvonne King's disk

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2001

Meeting convened	9:05 am
Adjourned	11:05am
Present	Dan Smith, Kent Whipple, Carl Pond and Steve Speirs
DOPL staff	Craig Jackson and Karen Elkins-Bey
Visitors	Doug Bradley UVSC, Ross Ford UVSC and Chris Solberg DATC

APPOINTMENTS

KEVIN BANGERTER

DISCUSSION, DECISIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Bangerter has some unlicensed apprenticeship time because he was going to the University of Utah and at that time had no intention of pursuing plumbing as a career. Now he would like to be a plumber and eventually take over his father's company, he obtained his apprentice plumbing license in 1999. After much discussion, motion made by Kent Whipple that Mr. Bangerter's licensed experience is not sufficient for permission to take the exam, motion 2nd by Carl Pond and unanimous.

WIRSBO COMPANY

Hata Puriri and Pat Coughlin of WIRSBO came in to show their product for sprinkler systems. Board members looked at the product and told Mr. Puriri and Mr. Coughlin that the Plumbing Board doesn't review or make decisions regarding what products are used in the state. They suggested this company submit their information to the Uniform Building Codes Commission regarding this product.

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BUSINESS

DICUSSION, DECISION &
RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion of changing board meeting dates,
Kent Whipple motioned, Dan Smith 2nd all
in favor for leaving meetings at the 2nd
Friday of the month.

Board members signed the travel voucher.

Kent Whipple voted chairperson, Steve
Speirs vice-chair for 2001-2002 year.

Board members reviewed applications as
listed on attached sheet.

ALL BUSINESS CONCLUDED, MEETING ADJOURNED.

PLUMBERS LICENSING BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 2001

Meeting convened at	8:30 am
Adjourned at	11:00 am
PRESENT	Jay Woolley, Dan Smith, Carl Pond, Steve Speirs
VISITORS	Francine Giani
DOPL	Craig Jackson, Karen Elkins-Bey

APPOINTMENTS SHAWN LUZCAK

DISCUSSION/DECISIONS

Mr. Luzcak has plumbing experience in Wyoming doing both HVAC and plumbing. Mr. Luzcak's application was previously denied by the board because his experience appeared to be all HVAC. After discussion Mr. Luzcak was approved for the October 2001 examination.

BUSINESS Minutes

TOPIC/DISCUSSION/DECISION

Dan Smith motioned, Steve Speirs 2nd all unanimous to approve the minutes.

Discussion of keeping or changing the board meeting dated. Decision is to keep meetings on 2nd Friday of each month.

Fire Suppression Systems

Board discussed the S270 Fire Suppression systems classification and who can install. With the new system being integrated with the culinary water supply can a non-licensed plumber install? A licensed journeyman plumber must install if using potable culinary water. And no additional license will be required for the plumber to install the product as the manufacturer has strict rules regarding installation.

All Business concluded, meeting adjourned.